

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

In re application of : Derra et al.
App. No. : 09/944,903
For : HIGH ASPECT RATIO CONTACT
STRUCTURE WITH REDUCED
SILICON CONSUMPTION
Filed : August 30, 2001
Examiner : Victor A. Mandala
Group Art Unit : 2826

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